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Question is, shall the debate now close? Previous question has been moved. Motion before the body of course is the advancement of LB 259 from Select File to final E & R. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 12 nays to close debate.

PRESIDENT: Very good, the debate will now close. The motion was by Senator Carpenter to advance 259 so Senator Carpenter may close on the motion then to advance 259. Senator Carpenter is closing.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, Mr. President, there's been a lot of complimentary things said about myself and today I really didn't know I had that much power. May I ask anybody in this body, did I approach you on 259 any time prior to the time I made the motion this morning? If I did, let them stand up, any Senator, including Senator Cavanaugh. You see my friends, I didn't...

PRESIDENT: Um, go ahead.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Would the Clerk come here just a second please. Stand by, clear the board. Well, this seems to be the day that we have all sorts of things that happen and Senator Carpenter of course was closing on the motion to advance from Select File but we do have an unusual situation because of course Select File happened because of the expedition of 259. We have a motion on the desk and the chair is going to entertain the motion and we'll throw it out to see what the body wants to do with it. I would have originally felt that 259 should have been advanced from Select File and then brought back for this specific amendment because we had closed argument on that but again the closing on debate is vague other than on the previous question which in this instance the previous question had been moved so actually that tightens up the closing on the bill. But because of the importance of the motion and so on, I think I'm going to honor the motion. So the Clerk will read the motion and we still have 259 despite Senator Carpenter's closing. 259 is still on Select File. Clerk will read the motion.

CLERK: Motion reads, I move to reduce the Governor's budget by 10%, signed Senator Proud.

PRESIDENT: That's the motion before the body. Chair recognizes Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Now, Mr. President, all this talk by Senator Mahoney and cohorts about saving the taxpayer's money. That's wonderful. I believe in that too but I believe in doing it with some degree of reason. We have some people in this State we have to feed. We have to try to maintain law and order and a few other things like that. Now Senator Mahoney and the rest of you really believe in saving the taxpayer's money, let's cut the Governor's budget and let's really save them some money. Now I'm not going to vote--I'm going to vote to cut it by 10% and I'm going to vote against this. I'm going to vote against the bill. But if you really want to save them money then let's cut it further. Let's complete this ridiculous caper and take it all the way.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion now of the Proud motion? Senator Cavanaugh, did you wish to be heard, your light is on. Now is there any further discussion of the motion? Question is, shall the motion be adopted? All those in